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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	NOVEMBER 1985	OCTOBER 1985	SEPTEMBER 1985	NOVEMBER 1984
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,711	12,874	12,721	12,609
Total civilian employment	11,849	11,888	11,757	11,686
Total unemployment	862	986	964	923
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.8	7.7	7.6	7.3
Range[b]	6.2–7.4	7.1–8.3	7.0–8.2	6.7–7.9
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,737	12,891	12,691	12,655
Total civilian employment	11,895	11,968	11,799	11,752
Total unemployment	842	923	892	902
Unadjusted rate (percent)	6.6	7.2	7.0	7.1
Range[b]	6.0–7.2	6.6–7.8	6.4–7.6	6.5–7.7

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November was 6.8 percent. This is a 0.9 percentage point decrease from last month. During November 1985, seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 39,000 while unemployment decreased by 124,000. The national seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate for November was 7.0 percent, down from the October 1985 rate of 7.1 percent. Since November of last year, the California labor force, seasonally adjusted, has expanded by 102,000 persons. For the same period of time, total civilian employment, seasonally adjusted, has increased by 163,000 while unemployment has decreased by 61,000. Also, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has dropped from 7.3 percent to 6.8 percent.

During November 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased slightly to 10,985,200. The construction industry experience the usual seasonal decline as there were 7,800 fewer jobs in November. Employment in agriculture decreased by 44,000 to 290,000. Retail trade reported a seasonal increase of 21,500 new employees with total employment increasing to 1,999,900. Since November 1984, total nonagricultural wages and salary employment has increased by 241,300, representing a gain over the year of 2.2 percent. Average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing remained fairly constant at $411.27 per week.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	NOVEMBER 1985	OCTOBER 1985	SEPTEMBER 1985	NOVEMBER 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,737	12,891	12,691	12,655
Employed	11,895	11,968	11,799	11,752
Unemployed	842	923	892	902
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.2	7.0	7.1
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,788	6,816	6,776	6,753
Employed	6,356	6,385	6,379	6,310
Unemployed	431	431	397	444
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.3	5.9	6.6
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,206	5,293	5,156	5,146
Employed	4,949	4,982	4,812	4,827
Unemployed	257	311	345	319
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.9	6.7	6.2
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	743	782	759	755
Employed	590	600	608	615
Unemployed	153	181	151	140
Unemployment Rate	20.6	23.2	19.8	18.5
White				
Labor Force	10,882	10,985	10,832	10,655
Employed	10,182	10,244	10,088	9,920
Unemployed	700	741	744	735
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,855	1,906	1,859	1,999
Employed	1,713	1,724	1,711	1,833
Unemployed	142	182	148	168
Unemployment Rate	7.7	9.6	7.9	8.4

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
California	$411.27	$411.68	$392.00	40.4	40.4	40.0	$10.18	$10.19	$9.80

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR NOVEMBER PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH NOVEMBER 85	PREVIOUS MONTH OCTOBER 85	YEAR AGO NOVEMBER 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,985.2	10,978.1	10,743.9	7.1	241.3	0.1	2.2
Mining	48.2	48.2	49.8	0.0	−1.6	0.0	−3.2
Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Mining	40.1	40.0	41.7	0.1	−1.6	0.2	−3.8
Nonmetal Mining	6.5	6.6	6.5	−0.1	0.0	−1.5	0.0
Construction	476.7	484.5	455.1	−7.8	21.6	−1.6	4.7
General Building Contractors	127.6	129.5	118.9	−1.9	8.7	−1.5	7.3
Heavy Construction	64.1	66.5	62.7	−2.4	1.4	−3.6	2.2
Special Trade Contractors	285.0	288.5	273.5	−3.5	11.5	−1.2	4.2
Manufacturing	2,058.0	2,068.2	2,065.1	−10.2	−7.1	−0.5	−0.3
Nondurable Goods	637.1	648.1	641.1	−11.0	−4.0	−1.7	−0.6
Durable Goods	1,420.9	1,420.1	1,424.0	0.8	−3.1	0.1	−0.2
Food and Kindred	168.9	180.5	171.1	−11.6	−2.2	−6.4	−1.3
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.4	5.4	6.0	0.0	−0.6	0.0	−10.0
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	49.3	60.0	47.7	−10.7	1.6	−17.8	3.4
Other Food and Kindred Products	114.2	115.1	117.4	−0.9	−3.2	−0.8	−2.7
Textile Mill Products	14.9	14.9	14.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	5.7
Apparel and Other Textile Products	108.7	107.8	109.7	0.9	−1.0	0.8	−0.9
Paper and Allied Products	38.1	38.2	38.4	−0.1	−0.3	−0.3	−0.8
Printing and Publishing	142.8	142.0	139.5	0.8	3.3	0.6	2.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.6	63.8	64.3	−0.2	−0.7	−0.3	−1.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	27.6	27.8	29.3	−0.2	−1.7	−0.7	−5.8
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	64.3	64.8	66.7	−0.5	−2.4	−0.8	−3.6
Leather and Leather Products	8.2	8.3	8.0	−0.1	0.2	−1.2	2.5
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	54.4	56.0	53.6	−1.6	0.8	−2.9	1.5
Furniture and Fixtures	61.4	60.8	61.2	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.3
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.8	51.1	51.4	−0.3	−0.6	−0.6	−1.2
Primary Metal Industries	40.1	40.6	41.6	−0.5	−1.5	−1.2	−3.6
Fabricated Metal Products	138.8	139.2	143.8	−0.4	−5.0	−0.3	−3.5
Machinery except Electrical	227.0	227.8	238.0	−0.8	−11.0	−0.4	−4.6
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	401.4	399.4	407.0	2.0	−5.6	0.5	−1.4
Transportation Equipment	299.1	297.2	280.1	1.9	19.0	0.6	6.8
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	35.9	34.9	33.7	1.0	2.2	2.9	6.5
Aircraft and Parts	158.9	157.9	144.5	1.0	14.4	0.6	10.0
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	17.8	18.4	17.3	−0.6	0.5	−3.3	2.9
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	74.6	74.3	73.4	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.6
Other Transportation Equipment	11.9	11.7	11.2	0.2	0.7	1.7	6.2
Instruments and Related Products	110.7	110.2	108.7	0.5	2.0	0.5	1.8
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.2	37.8	38.6	−0.6	−1.4	−1.6	−3.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	557.0	558.1	552.9	−1.1	4.1	−0.2	0.7
Transportation	319.0	320.3	311.7	−1.3	7.3	−0.4	2.3
Railroads	23.1	23.2	24.1	−0.1	−1.0	−0.4	−4.1
Trucking and Warehousing	132.8	132.2	127.4	0.6	5.4	0.5	4.2
Other Transportation	163.1	164.9	160.2	−1.8	2.9	−1.1	1.8
Communications	158.3	158.2	162.6	0.1	−4.3	0.1	−2.6
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	79.7	79.6	78.6	0.1	1.1	0.1	1.4
Wholesale Trade	674.6	686.1	658.8	−11.5	15.8	−1.7	2.4
Retail Trade	1,999.9	1,978.4	1,934.6	21.5	65.3	1.1	3.4
General Merchandise Stores	257.6	240.1	257.4	17.5	0.2	7.3	0.1
Food Stores	277.9	275.8	273.9	2.1	4.0	0.8	1.5
Other Retail Trade	1,464.4	1,462.5	1,403.3	1.9	61.1	0.1	4.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	716.5	716.5	703.4	−0.0	13.1	−0.0	1.9
Finance	357.1	355.8	350.6	1.3	6.5	0.4	1.9
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	191.6	191.8	187.3	−0.2	4.3	−0.1	2.3
Real Estate	149.5	150.5	147.7	−1.0	1.8	−0.7	1.2
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	18.3	18.4	17.8	−0.1	0.5	−0.5	2.8
Services	2,671.4	2,672.0	2,574.7	−0.6	96.7	−0.0	3.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	153.0	153.4	141.1	−0.4	11.9	−0.3	8.4
Personal Services	122.8	122.4	116.3	0.4	6.5	0.3	5.6
Business Services	667.8	668.5	641.2	−0.7	26.6	−0.1	4.1
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	163.8	164.4	156.1	−0.6	7.7	−0.4	4.9
Motion Pictures	82.5	83.0	82.1	−0.5	0.4	−0.6	0.5
Amusement and Recreation Services	113.5	115.0	105.1	−1.5	8.4	−1.3	8.0
Health Services	629.5	627.6	617.7	1.9	11.8	0.3	1.9
Other Services	738.5	737.7	715.1	0.8	23.4	0.1	3.3
Government	1,782.9	1,766.1	1,749.5	16.8	33.4	1.0	1.9
Federal Government	341.8	340.6	333.1	1.2	8.7	0.4	2.6
State and Local Governments	1,441.1	1,425.5	1,416.4	15.6	24.7	1.1	1.7
County	224.7	224.8	219.5	−0.1	5.2	−0.0	2.4
City	195.9	196.5	189.2	−0.6	6.7	−0.3	3.5
Education	748.2	731.4	738.8	16.8	9.4	2.3	1.3
Education State	150.5	147.7	145.8	2.8	4.7	1.9	3.2
Education Local	597.7	583.7	593.0	14.0	4.7	2.4	0.8
Other State and Local	272.3	272.8	268.9	−0.5	3.4	−0.2	1.3
State exc ed	177.8	178.7	175.6	−0.9	2.2	−0.5	1.3
Special District	94.5	94.1	93.3	0.4	1.2	0.4	1.3
Total Agriculture	290.0	334.0	324.3	−44.0	−34.3	−13.2	−10.6

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
OCTOBER 1985

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,891,400	11,968,100	923,300	7.2
Alameda	596,850	555,300	41,550	7.0
Alpine	500	450	50	9.4
Amador	8,050	7,425	625	7.9
Butte	67,950	61,775	6,175	9.1
Calaveras	8,450	7,600	850	10.1
Colusa	7,950	7,225	725	9.2
Contra Costa	352,425	330,650	21,775	6.2
Del Norte	6,975	6,100	875	12.5
El Dorado	47,000	44,000	3,000	6.4
Fresno	282,800	247,300	35,500	12.6
Glenn	11,450	10,400	1,050	9.2
Humboldt	47,675	43,175	4,500	9.4
Imperial	48,650	29,750	18,900	38.9
Inyo	9,525	8,875	650	6.7
Kern	218,700	191,600	27,100	12.4
Kings	30,750	26,625	4,125	13.4
Lake	16,300	14,300	2,000	12.3
Lassen	8,825	8,025	800	9.1
Los Angeles	4,015,000	3,736,000	279,000	6.9
Madera	32,225	28,775	3,450	10.7
Marin	124,750	120,325	4,425	3.6
Mariposa	4,925	4,475	450	9.3
Mendocino	33,350	30,450	2,900	8.7
Merced	72,575	64,175	8,400	11.6
Modoc	5,025	4,600	425	8.2
Mono	5,100	4,525	575	11.1
Monterey	151,100	137,800	13,300	8.8
Napa	42,050	39,025	3,025	7.2
Nevada	24,075	22,150	1,925	8.0
Orange	1,317,900	1,260,900	57,000	4.3
Placer	63,300	59,100	4,200	6.6
Plumas	7,450	6,675	775	10.4
Riverside	296,300	267,500	28,800	9.7
Sacramento	417,500	388,900	28,600	6.8
San Benito	13,450	11,425	2,025	15.0
San Bernardino	388,700	361,400	27,300	7.0
San Diego	912,000	862,200	49,800	5.5
San Francisco	396,950	372,600	24,350	6.1
San Joaquin	186,900	164,900	22,000	11.7
San Luis Obispo	81,700	77,200	4,500	5.5
San Mateo	331,650	318,025	13,625	4.1
Santa Barbara	168,600	159,600	9,000	5.3
Santa Clara	889,500	836,600	52,900	5.9
Santa Cruz	105,000	96,600	8,400	8.0
Shasta	54,950	49,075	5,875	10.7
Sierra	1,000	900	100	10.4
Siskiyou	16,825	14,850	1,975	11.7
Solano	106,575	98,200	8,375	7.9
Sonoma	162,500	152,300	10,200	6.3
Stanislaus	138,500	119,300	19,200	13.8
Sutter	22,725	19,150	3,575	15.7
Tehama	16,675	15,050	1,625	9.7
Trinity	5,475	4,875	600	11.1
Tulare	134,350	117,250	17,100	12.7
Tuolumne	15,425	13,875	1,550	10.0
Ventura	278,500	254,100	24,400	8.7
Yolo	60,100	54,900	5,200	8.7
Yuba	20,000	17,675	2,325	11.6

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.